

UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Rt. 40 at Perch Creek

Newark – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 8:08 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2020 on Rt. 40 in the area of Perch Creek, Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that a 2006 Chrysler Sebring, being operated by a 26 year old Bear woman, was travelling westbound on Rt. 40 in the right lane approaching the intersection with Perch Creek Dr. A 2012 Kia Sportage, being operated by a 67 year old Oxford, PA woman was traveling westbound on Rt. 40 in the left lane, slightly behind the Chrysler. Both vehicles were proceeding through the intersection with a green light. A pedestrian began to cross the westbound lanes of Rt. 40 from north to south in the area of the crosswalk located on the west side of the Rt. 40/ Perch Creek Dr. intersection, and walked directly into the path of the Chrysler and was struck. The pedestrian was then thrown into the path of the Kia and struck a second time. Both vehicles came to a controlled stop and remained at the scene.

The pedestrian, a 21 year old New Castle woman, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The investigation determined that she was wearing all dark, non-reflective clothing and was not carrying a light. It was also determined that she was crossing the roadway against the pedestrian crossing signals. Impairment on her behalf is undetermined at this time. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

Both drivers wear wearing their seatbelts and were not injured. Neither speed nor impairment are contributing factors in their

behalfes.

Rt. 40 westbound was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

<http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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